



#18/445
O Que
PATENT
12/10/02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Aita et al.

For: **SELF-REPAIRING CERAMIC COATING**

Serial No.: 09/375,169 ✓

Filed: August 16, 1999 ✓

Docket. No.: 9620.1000 ✓

) Examiner: J. McNeil ✓

) Group Art Unit: 1775 ✓

) Customer No.: 23422 ✓

AMENDMENT

RECEIVED
DEC 12 2002
/TC 1700

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited in the United States mail as first class mail with postage prepaid, and is addressed to Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231 on December 12, 2002 in San Francisco, CA.

By: *Anne Marie Leavy*
Anne Marie Leavy

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

12/11/2002 DTESEM1 00000096 09375169

01 FC:2251

55.00 OP

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 2 and 11.

Please amend claims 1, 3-4, 7, 8, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30

and 33 to read as follows:

Sent by
1. (Twice Amended) An intracorporeal device having a protective self-repairing coating on a surface thereof, comprising:

a. an inner coating component having at least one bilayer formed of different ceramic materials on the surface of the device; and